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STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMS

Jefferson City, MO

June 24, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lynthia Andrews, DO
Ruby Mehrer, RN
Joan Eberhardt, RN
Randy Davis, EMT-P
Mark Alexander, EMT-P
Sam Schneider, EMT-P
Wayne Sanders, EMT-P
Vicki Groce, EMT-P

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Tan, MD
Wally Patrick, RN
Judith Landvatter, RN
Ben Chlapek, EMT-P

GUESTS

Jimm Murray
Ken Koch
Paul Guptill
Joe Salomone
Jennifer Youngblood
Samar Muzaffar
Sherry McCool
Adam Bruner
Don Crosby
Mark Thorp

Bob Patterson
Pam Grimes
DJ Satterfield
Heather Seemann
Art Maxwell
Sue Hall
Jeff Carrier
Sherril Gladney
Richard Cotter
Doug Randell

Andrew Spain
Chris Hoag-Apel
Jason White
James Clayton
Monroe Yancie
Sandra Woods
Kyle Kennedy
George Wright
Gary Woodson

DHSS STAFF PRESENT

Paula Kempf, Bureau of EMS
Jody Hyman, Bureau of EMS
Terry Ellsworth, Bureau of EMS
Jennifer Evans, Bureau of EMS
Shirley Gastler, Bureau of EMS
Beverly Smith, DHSS
Karen Connell, DHSS
Andrew Wankum, DHSS
Greg Natsch, Bureau of EMS
Bob Minter, Bureau of EMS
Kelly Jenkins, Bureau of EMS

Call to Order

Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order at 11:03.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May meeting were approved with motion by Ruby Mehrer, and seconded by Mark Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker – Mark Thorp – Mutual Aid – In 1993 the Region C area through the State Fire Marshal's Office started an EMS mutual aid. It started as just a fire service activity, but EMS outside of St. Louis County and St. Louis City in Region C are either provided by ambulance district or private service. We realized that in order to run a mutual aid system effectively, partnerships with the ambulance districts and the private ambulance services would need to be forged. Currently, Region C has all the ambulance districts, fire service ambulances, and the three major private companies participating in the mutual aid system. Approximately a year ago, Kevin Tweedy from Taney County Ambulance District in Region D, approached Region C on coordinating their mutual aid system. We have started coordinating and sending information to Region D on what we have been doing, and trying to match our system to the activities that they are working on and developing in Region D. The model that Region C is working under right now is the State Fire Marshal's Office mutual aid system, which has a program called MOSCOPE, a generic outline of how to set up a mutual aid system. EMS mutual aid is a major topic for the state and something that we need across the state. There are some areas where there is local mutual aid, but nothing statewide where strike teams or task forces can be sent in an effective and cohesive manner. Region C would like to suggest that through MOSCOPE and the model of the fire service, there is a good model for mutual aid that the state could modify and would be effective. It is proven that it is working in the St. Louis Region and we are even finishing up details with Illinois units. The border areas can move EMS units back and forth across state lines without problems for emergency operations and make sure that those units receive support. Region C has been through the issues of billing and how to obtain reimbursement. Region C units have been reimbursed by the federal government for disaster response so we feel that there is an effective system in place.

Sherril Gladney – State Fire Marshal's Office - is working closely with other agencies, sharing the MOSCOPE plan. The plan was developed by the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs. It has recently been adopted as our State Fire Mutual Aid Plan. It is on the official fire safety web site. The good thing about MOSCOPE is that it does not just apply to fire services; it is a very good umbrella template for use in other agencies. We are willing to share it and have others adopt it as their own. Rich Lehman who is a director of the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs was here at the SAC meeting some months ago and gave a presentation. We are going to be at Tan-Tar-A this weekend and Police Chiefs Association on Monday sharing this plan.

Greg Natsch – Bureau of EMS - There is a small group working on and reviewing MOSCOPE, and recently talked to Mr. Thorp and Mr. Tweedy. Using MOSCOPE as a template, the group is going to incorporate everything together so that we can make a state wide mutual aid plan.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Legislative – Mark Alexander

The Legislative Subcommittee met before the SAC meeting. The subcommittee discussed two regulations. One is 19 CSR 30-40.342 Licensure Requirements and the Scope of Practice portion. The group has worked on variances to the Scope of Practice to include or allow local controls. This means medical directors can apply for variances to enhance, increase or go beyond what the limits of that scope might be. DHSS attorneys preferred that this be moved to 19 CSR 30-40.303 Medical Director Regulations. Variance language was pulled from 19 CSR 30-40.342 and put into 19 CSR 30-40.303. Section 19 CSR 30-40.342 is in process and does not need to be read again, it will be addressed in comments by DHSS. The subcommittee recommendation is that we read for the 2nd time 19 CSR 30-40.303 which is the Medical Director Regulations. It has the same variance language as 19 CSR 30-40.342. A motion was made to wave the second reading by Mark Alexander and seconded by Vicki Groce. The motion passed unanimously. The second regulation is the proposed Out of Hospital Do Not Resuscitate (OHDNR). This needs to be placed into effect as soon as possible. This document has had minor modifications. We would also ask that the DHSS attorneys consider the word “presented” in section 8, should it be changed to “discovered”. The subcommittee would ask the SAC to wave the second reading of this document for purposes of allowing the potential for a special conference call to the Board of Health and approve this document so it may be included into the regulation packet with 19 CSR 30-40.303 for August. A motion to wave reading and approve this document was made by Mark Alexander and seconded by Vicki Groce. The motion passed unanimously. Legislation for 2009, cell phone 911, the Missouri Ambulance Association (MAA) board met and have adopted a resolution where by the subcommittee will be taking a lead role in this effort in the next legislative session. The subcommittee passed the tentative language to present to the SAC for approval as a resolution. Mark read the resolution language to the SAC. A motion was made by Vicki Groce and seconded by Randy Davis to have this resolution adopted. The motion passed unanimously. E-mail has been circulating by Nathan Williams for the development of a National Caucus on EMS. The request has been made that providers write to their Representatives and Senators in the State of Missouri and ask that they join this caucus. The subcommittee would like to make the recommendation that the SAC also send a letter to each of the Representatives and Senators from Missouri encouraging them join this caucus. A motion made by Mark Alexander and seconded by Randy Davis to send a letter. The motion passed unanimously. Federal reimbursement allowance for ground ambulances was discussed. A bill that would reimburse health care providers from the state tax refunds of persons who owe outstanding healthcare provider bills by drawing from their tax refunds is also being considered.

Air Ambulance – Ruby Mehrer

Air ambulance met Monday evening to work on the Air Ambulance Association bylaws, which were completed. The group discussed the joint project that will be presented at Combined Clinical Conference in August. This will focus on multiple helicopter responses and problems that have been encountered; also a tabletop exercise is being planned. Metro West Fire has been involved in helping with the standard operating guidelines. The subcommittee discussed Weatherturndown.com and is still struggling to make sure there is a system in place so when a flight is turned down because of weather other programs know about it. The group is using an algorithm that first asks if any other flight program has been requested for this flight in order to know whether or not someone else has turned it down. Discussion took place regarding a letter from 2005 that the FAA sent. The letter discussed helicopter shopping and encouraging EMS personnel be educated about the dangers related to it. The group will be working on drafting a letter in regards to this. There was discussion on multiple aircraft flying not only to scenes but also to hospital helipads. This becomes challenging when there is a

helicopter on the helipad and there is another one circling, the group is in discussion on how to better communicate with other aircraft and help in not having a delay of transport of other critical patients.

Trauma – Dr. Andrews

No subcommittee this month.

Education – Doug Randell

The subcommittee is working toward all the paramedic training entities being nationally accredited. The group discussed with MEMSA the gathering of information into a database to help with practical testing. This database should be released this fall. Kim McKenna spoke about education standards, there are a few updates needed to the instructor guidelines. This should be done by September. The group will be at the Combined Clinical Conference in August and mentioned the NAEMSE National Conference in St. Louis in September. The group would like to make a recommendation to the SAC to support a NAEMSE instructor course in every region within the next two years. A motion made by Mark Alexander and seconded by Randy Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Information- Randy Davis

Randy Davis would like to encourage all regions to select a Public Information delegate to attend future Public Information meetings.

Communication Committee – Vicki Groce

Will meet at the Combined Clinical Conference.

Pediatric Committee – Paula Adkison

No meeting this month.

Discussion regarding the scheduling of the subcommittee meetings to allow everyone who would like to attend took place. Several ideas were discussed, such as having all subcommittee meetings on Monday, having the legislative meeting right before the SAC, moving SAC later in the afternoon. There will be more discussion on this at the SAC in August.

REGIONS

Northwest – Vicki Groce

Bureau of EMS will be conducting an EMS-C Pediatric equipment inspection of the ambulances in the Northwest Region. The next meeting will be July 15, 2008 at Heartland.

Central-Andrew Spain

Plan to meet at Combined Clinical Conference.

East Central – Ken Koch

Continuing to work on liaison and membership, still needing five committee members, names have been submitted to the state. Continuing to work on education offerings and bylaws. Next meeting will June 27, 2008.

Region A- Ruby Mehrer

There was a meeting schedule and it was canceled at the last minute, there is currently no meeting scheduled.

Southeast- Paula Kempf

The next meeting will be June 27, 2008 in St. Francois County.

Southwest – Bob Patterson

A meeting was held on May 30th in West Plains at Air Evac Headquarters, the next meeting will be July 25, 2008 at Cox Health. The subcommittee is working on standardized radio reporting format for the region and finalizing mutual aid agreement for the region. Dr. Jordan would like the committee to develop regional protocols.

Old Business

Dr. Andrews gave an overview of Dr. Jermyn's memorial service.

New Business

Dr. Andrews introduced new SAC member, Dr. Joe Salomone. Dr. Salomone gave brief overview of his background.

June 27, 2008 – St Francois County new Education Center Grand Opening
Combined Clinical Conference-MEMSA 25th Anniversary. There will be a dinner; an awards ceremony will follow the dinner. Cost for the dinner is \$10.00.

Adjourn

Dr. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 12:15.

Lynthia Andrews, SAC Chair

Date